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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Menon, Krishnan S.

Case: NI 132

Applicant(s): Wilhelm Heine, et al.
Serial No.: 09/866,216
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Art Unit: 1723

Title: APPARATUS FOR FILTERING AND SEPARATING FLUIDS

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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September 30, 2003

Sir:

This is a Notice of Appeal from the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 - 15 of the above-identified application dated 04/01/03.

The fee of \$ 160.00 (Small Entity) for filing the Notice of Appeal should be charged to deposit account No. 500465.

A petition for an extension of time by three months is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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